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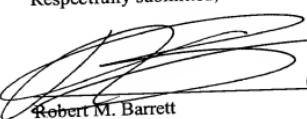
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

On February 10, 2000, the U.S. Patent Office mailed to Applicants a Notification of Missing Requirements. The notification stated that a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney was required as well as a fee for the surcharge. Accordingly, in response thereto, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the signed Declaration and Power of Attorney form and a check for \$130.00. To the extent any additional fees are due and owing Applicants respectfully request that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2290.

Respectfully submitted,


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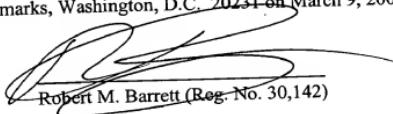
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